



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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April 12, 2001

Timothy J. Gardner MD, Treasurer
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons
Political Action Committee (STS PAC)
1200 19th Street, NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20036

Identification Number: C00325936

Reference: October Quarterly Report (8/25/00-9/30/00)

Dear Dr. Gardner:

This letter is to inform you that as of April 11, 2001, the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated March 21, 2001. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to this request (copy enclosed).

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by May 2, 2001. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Antoinette Kitchen on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John D. Gibson", is written over a horizontal line.

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

Enclosure



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Dear Dr. Gardner:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

- The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your Amended 12 Day Pre-Primary Report. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

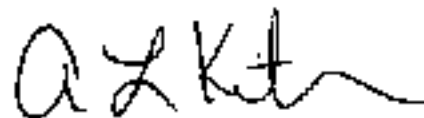
- The totals listed on Lines 7, 23, 30, and 31, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

- Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution(s) to the Rangel Leadership PAC. Please clarify whether this is a federal committee(s), as there does not appear to be a committee(s) registered with the Commission under this name(s). In the event this is a non-federal committee(s), please disclose it on Schedule B supporting Line 29 of the Detailed Summary Page.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days

of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. L. Kitchen".

Antoinette Kitchen
Senior Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

